GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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MARR EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL acquired 23,070 MARR equipment costing Rs.184.56 crores during 1998 to March 2000;

(b) whether the Union Government had given a directive not to acquire MARR equipment; and

(c) if so, the reasons for procuring the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a) The 1718 systems of 2/15 and 1467 systems of 4/36 MARR equipmentamounting to Rs.144.26 crores were ordered from 1.1.97 to till date. The details are given in the Annexure.

(b) Yes Sir, the directions from PM Office were issued to stop the procurement of MARR equipment.

(c) All the suppliers were issued short closures notice of their purchase order. M/s Indian Telephone Industries purchase order was also short closed during the currency of original delivery schedule. Due to requirement of 128 Terminals of MARR systems for Madhya Pradesh and Assam and also to fulfil the contractual obligation. M/s Indian Telephone Industries being a public sector undertaking of Department of Telecom was allowed to supply the above equipment as per decision of Telecom Commission.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT OF MARR SYSTEMS PROCURED SINCE THE YEAR 1997

Sl.No	PO No. & Date	Vendor's Name	Qty 2/15 MARR	Qty 4/36 MARR	PO Value (Rs.)
1	MT/PO/83/96- 97 dt.6-1-97	M/s ITI Ltd.	225	225	269781975
2	MT/PO/84/96- 97 dt.14-1-97 Bangalore	M/s United Telecom Ltd.	0	50	45511200
3	MT/PO/91/96- 97 dt.22-1-97	M/s Shyam Telecom	0	250	227556000
4	MT/PO/100/96- 97 dt.4-2-97 (E.O.)	M/s Hindustan Elect. Tech.	0	2	1638400
5	MT/PO/113/96- 97 dt.26-2-97 (E.O.)	M/s Kaveri Telecom Ltd.	8	0	2053736
6	MT/PO/124/96- 97 dt.27-3-97 (E.O.)	M/s Phoenix Tech.	0	2	952800
7	MT/PO/126/96- 97 dt.31-3-97 (E.O.)	M/s Kaveri Telecom Ltd.	0	2	952800
8	MT/PO/46/97- 98 dt.1-10-97	M/s HTL Ltd.	290	222	197401254
9	MT/PO/47/97- 98 dt.18-10-97	M/s UTL	250	195	172307305
10	MT/PO/49/97- 98 dt.24-10-	M/s Phoenix Tech.	110		25249995

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11	MT/PO/50/97- 98 dt.24-11-97	M/s GCEL	115	90	79438162	
12	MT/PO/51/97- 98 dt.24-11- 97	M/s Technicom System	100	80	70101599	
13	MT/PO/52/97- 98 dt.24-11- 97	M/s Shyam Telecom	0	105	61880513	
14	MT/PO/53/97- 98 dt.24-11- 97	M/s Avantel Coms.	120	90	80585889	
15	MT/PO/54/97- 98 dt.24-11- 97	M/s National Telecom	110	0	25249995	
16	MT/PO/55/97- 98 dt.28-11- 97	M/s Anco Comms.	115	70	67651397	
17	MT/PO/56/97- 98 dt.3-12-97	M/s Binfo Elect.	125	90	81733616	
18	MT/PO/76/97- 98 dt.24-3-98	M/s ITI Ltd.	158	0	32641357	
Total			1726	1473	1442687993	